

22 December 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Ray S. Cline  
Director, Bureau of Intelligence  
and Research, Dept. of State

SUBJECT :

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1. As you know, your Deputy, Mr. Mark, and I have been discussing the possible use of [REDACTED] by Secretary Rogers in a press conference. After our initial conversation, I queried the Saigon Station to see if there were any special problems in that document or its acquisition which might pose limitations on its public use. [REDACTED]

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2. In response to my query, the Chief of Station, Saigon, advises that he has no objection in terms of source security if Secretary Rogers wishes to draw on the general themes of the report in a press conference. [REDACTED]

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3. We would suggest that the Secretary simply say that insights have been gained in the COSVN plans for the 1970-71 Winter/Spring Campaign and that these plans reveal whatever germane points the Secretary wishes to make. Such an approach

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would forestall or at least make it easier to avoid detailed interrogation on methodology and tactics through which this information was acquired. If this approach is followed, we have no objection whatsoever to Secretary Rogers' using the subject report in any way he believes would be helpful to him.

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Attachment:

- 1 - Resolutions and Directives file w/atts
- 1 - GAC Chrono w/o atts

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